## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

| In the Matter of           | ) |                                   |
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| Washington, County of      | ) | File No.: EB-FIELDNER-13-00011372 |
| Licensee of Station KGF358 | ) | File No.: EB-FIELDNER-13-00011373 |
| Washington, Pennsylvania   | ) | NOV No.: V201432400003            |
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## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: November 27, 2013

By the District Director, Philadelphia Office, Northeast Region, Enforcement Bureau:

- 1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules (Rules)<sup>1</sup> to the County of Washington, licensee of Private Land Mobile Radio Station KGF358 in Washington, Pennsylvania. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation noted herein.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. On September 12, 2013, agents of the Enforcement Bureau's Philadelphia Office inspected Station KGF358 in Washington, Pennsylvania and observed the following violation:

47 C.F.R. § 1.903(a): "Stations in the Wireless Radio Services must be used and operated only in accordance with the rules applicable to their particular service as set forth in this title and with a valid authorization granted by the Commission under the provisions of this part, except as specified in paragraph (b) of this section." At the time of the inspection, the license for Station KGF358 authorized Washington County to operate repeater stations (FB2) on the frequencies 151.0625 MHz and 151.3475 MHz for its county fire dispatch zone-2 and zone-3 at the coordinates 40° 10' 13.3" North Latitude 080° 14' 45.2" West Longitude in Washington, Pennsylvania. The agents found Station KGF358 operating on these frequencies from the following unauthorized locations:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

| Station | County<br>Fire<br>Dispatch<br>Zone | Frequency<br>(MHz) | Unauthorized<br>Location<br>Coordinates | Distance From<br>Authorized Location<br>(miles) |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| KGF358  | 2                                  | 151.0625           | 40° 21' 10.8" N<br>080° 17' 13.2" W     | 12.787  |
| KGF358  | 2                                  | 151.0625           | 40° 25' 1.2" N<br>080° 21' 28.8" W      | 18.019  |
| KGF358  | 2                                  | 151.0625           | 40° 14' 5.99" N<br>080° 11' 16.8" W     | 5.410   |
| KGF358  | 3                                  | 151.3475           | 40° 04' 37.2" N<br>079° 53' 9.6" W      | 20.121  |
| KGF358  | 3                                  | 151.3475           | 40° 10' 51.59" N<br>079° 52' 22.8" W    | 10.7/10   |
| KGF358  | 3                                  | 151.3475           | 40° 05' 16.8" N<br>080° 04' 15.59" W    | 10.867  |
| KGF358  | 3                                  | 151.3475           | 39° 59' 41.99" N<br>079° 59' 20.4" W    | 18.214  |

- 3. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>3</sup> and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violation and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Washington County must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.<sup>4</sup>
- 4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct Washington County to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Washington County with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Washington County's response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,<sup>5</sup> and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee's possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that "[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person . . . . Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'." 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

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or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.<sup>6</sup>

5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission Philadelphia Office One Oxford Valley Building, Suite 404 2300 East Lincoln Highway Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047

- 6. This Notice shall be sent to the County of Washington at its address of record.
- 7. The Privacy Act of 1974<sup>7</sup> requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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David C. Dombrowski District Director Philadelphia Office Northeast Region Enforcement Bureau

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq. See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).